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Honorable Sandra L. Townes  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**Re: United States v. David Ahdab**  
**10 Cr. 309 (SLT)**

Your Honor:

I represent defendant David Ahdab on his appeal from the judgment imposed by this Court on July 15, 2011. For the reasons set forth below, I respectfully request the Court to direct the Clerk's Office to provide me with a copy of the written statement of reasons ("SOR") that may have been included as part of the judgment, but that was not furnished to counsel.

Pursuant to a notice issued by the Court of Appeals on April 27, 2007, counsel on appeal are now required, under certain circumstances, to provide the Second Circuit with copies of the SOR. In this District, however, the SOR is treated as confidential and is ordinarily not provided even to counsel; nor is it available on the Court's public website. I have contacted both the Clerk's Office and this Court's staff regarding this problem and was advised to write directly to Your Honor. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court direct the Clerk's Office to provide the SOR to me so that I may fulfill my duties as appellate counsel.

The application is ☒ granted.  
SO ORDERED. ☐ denied.

s/ SLT

Sandra L. Townes, U.S.D.J.

Dated January 18, 2012  
Brooklyn, New York

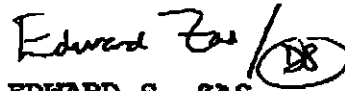
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Zas", followed by a circled monogram or set of initials.

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